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September 13th, 1916

Dean Adams,

McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Dean Adams:

You will remember that you and I were appointed by the Universities Conference to take up at Ottawa the question of securing a modification of the statute in order to permit of Chinese students entering without paying the poll tax. If I am not mistaken you said that you would see Dr. Roche personally with regard to the matter. I suppose that during the summer months neither you nor he would have had any opportunity of consultation. Perhaps, however, you may have done something in the matter.

I may be in Ottawa before long, and if so, would it be of any service if I were to endeavour to see Dr. Roche about this matter? Your own interview with him would doubtless be more effective than mine.

With kind regards to Mrs. Adams,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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President R. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

I expect to go to Ottawa shortly for the purpose of attending to a number of matters of business there, and among other things I would like to take up the question of the admission of Chinese students which was referred to us at the last meeting of the representatives of the Canadian Universities. Before doing so, however, I am anxious to ascertain whether you took any steps with reference to this matter when you were in Ottawa some time since. You mentioned to me in a letter which I had the pleasure of receiving from you just before your visit that you would probably be able to take the matter up with the Ottawa authorities.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

November 23rd, 1916

Dean F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,

McGill University,

Montreal.

Dear Dean Adams:

I called on the Minister of the Interior, Dr. Roche, when I was in Ottawa about a month ago. He gave me a very pleasant reception. He was in sympathy with the proposal that exemption should be made in behalf of Chinese students. He said also that it would have been made could it have been done by an Order-in-Council. Their lawyers, however, had informed them that an amendment could only be made by an Act of Parliament, and to bring forward such an amendment would raise the whole question of Chinese immigration.

I think it would be well for you to see Dr. Roche and lay the matter before him also from your point of view. It may not be an insuperable difficulty to overcome and persuade him to take the venture.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 30th, 1916

Dean F. D. Adams,

McGill University,

Montreal.

Dear Dean Adams:

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad to know that you had such a favourable interview with Dr. Roche.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.